# Delete Backups CLI Commands

SQL Safe provides you with CLI commands to help you manually delete backup archives older than the specified date.

To perform delete operations use the following command:

- SQLsafeCmd Delete <filename> [options]

Where the required [options] are:

| Options | Descriptions |
|---------|--------------|
| <filename> | The path and filename to be deleted. <br><br> An asterisk (*) can be used in the filename to delete multiple files at once. |
| -Age <n><time_period> | Delete/Expire archives that are older than the specified amount of time. <br><br>   <n> - amount of time. <br><br> <time_period> - {minutes, hours, days, weeks, months}. <br><br> Note: There must be NO SPACE between <n> and <time_period>. <br><br> E.g., -age 2hours. |

Security Options

Secure your delete operations with the following options:

| Options | Description |
|---------|-------------|
| -WindowsUsername <domain\user> | <domain\user> - the Windows user that will be used to read/write the backup archive. |
| -WindowsPassword <pwd> | <pwd> - the password for the Windows user. |
| -EncryptedWindowsPassword <pwd> | <pwd> - the encrypted password for the Windows user generated by EncryptWindowsPassword action. |

Advanced Options

The following advanced options help you perform your delete operations:

| Options | Description |
|---------|-------------|
| -IncludeSubdirectories | If set, includes subdirectories when finding files to delete. |
| -ArgsFile <filename> | The path to a file containing command-line arguments.<br><br><filename> - specifies the file that contains the command line arguments. |
| -No Prompt | Do not prompt for confirmation before deleting files. |

For detailed descriptions and available options, see the CLI Help (`SQLsafeCmd help Delete`).

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